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DEMS WELL LED

Regular Organization Slate is Piloted by Experienced Leaders of all Big Factions in the Party

Dunne, Harrison and Sullivan Elements are United for the First Time in Years for Victory

The regular Democratic ticket is being ably managed and loyally supported.

As a whole it has great elements of strength and the management of the campaign for its nomination is in the hands of leaders who represent every faction of the party possessing inherent strength.

The headquarters of the managing committee at the Sherman House are thronged every day with ardent workers from every election precinct in the city.

It is certainly an unusual sight in the Democratic party to see leaders who were at the head of rival camps in the great battles of the past meeting together to bring victory to a common cause.

William L. O'Connell, the indefatigable and resourceful leader of the Dunne forces and Congressman A. J. Sabath commander of the big string of wards that always formed the backbone of the Carter H. Harrison forces are sitting there side by side helping the regular slate. Associated with them are George E. Brennan on whose broad shoulders repose the toga of national leadership once worn by Roger C. Sullivan, while Dennis J. Egan, tireless and victorious leader of the Sullivan local machinery and Martin J. O'Brien, chairman of the Democratic Campaign Committee, are pulling with them in the battle for the nomination at the primary of the whole regular slate.

The ticket is in good hands, and the experience, wisdom and good judgment of the men who are leading the campaign will pull it through.

FLOOD ROUTS 40 DIXON FAMILIES

Many Citizens of Down-State City Flee Homes to Escape Overflow.

ROCK RIVER HAS ICE GORGE

Stream Overflows for Distance of Eighteen Miles—Rail and Highway Bridges Threatened—Gas and Light Plants in Danger.

Dixon, Ill., March 2.—Forty families have been driven from their homes, the city lighting plant is out of commission and a continued rise of the Rock river will sweep out railroad bridges and communication lines, according to reports.

The river has risen four and a half feet since Tuesday and ice is jammed solidly in the stream from Sterling, 18 miles down from Dixon, to the very center of the town.

Breaking of the ice gorge at Rockford and Oregon two days ago led to the Dixon flood, according to engineers, who have been working with dynamite for 30 hours in an effort to close the channel and run off the back wash from the gorge.

Water Backed Into Dixon.

The Rockford and Oregon ice during the two days of rain that followed last week's cold spell, came downstream without hindrance until it reached the solid ice at the government dam at Sterling. There it halted and as more ice came down, gorged until the river was packed solidly. Then the undercurrent water began to back up on Dixon.

Spongy places in the 20-mile gorge have made it impossible to use dynamite effectively except in spots. Engineers have been working steadily to relieve the situation, but admit that un-

less a period of warm weather helps them in breaking the jams the situation at Dixon and other up-river towns may be serious in the next 48 hours.

The Dixon Inn, a 70-room hotel, has its own lighting plant, but is without illumination because the water has backed up to the second floor. The Northern Utility plant at the bridge is out of commission, though the gas plant is still in operation.

Rail Bridge in Peril.

The wagon bridge is a foot and a half above the high water. The Illinois Central bridge is afoot and the Northwestern railroad bridge, below the town, is in danger, according to the reports.

Some of the ice cakes are 18 inches thick, and the water gauge reads higher than at any time since the June flood 38 years ago.

So far residences on higher ground have offered refuge for the 30 or 40 families driven from their homes. Continued rising of the water may drive even those families into the open, it is said, and relief work will be necessary.

Feeling that an income tax in Illinois will interest all the people in public affairs and do away with tax favoritism is growing. Protest by small wage earners against a maximum exemption of \$500 in the proposed state income tax to be authorized by the new constitution caused the constitutional convention to raise the maximum exemption to \$1,000.

Only the head of a family may now be allowed \$1,000, but there is nothing in the article that will prevent the general assembly fixing the maximum at less than this figure. Single persons are given a maximum exemption of \$500.

Delegate Watts A. Johnson of Princeton, offered the amendment that finally was adopted after a struggle with Delegate Dawes of Chicago and other representatives of great wealth.

Assistant Corporation Counsel Hernstein submitted to the convention the revenue proposals favored by the Chicago council finance and local transportation committees. This provides for increasing the city's debt limitation, now 5 per cent of the assessed valuation of real estate in Chicago, to possibly 25 per cent, power to Chicago to finance public utilities, and provision for issuance by the city of fifty-year bonds to enable it to acquire public utilities.

Chief Justice David M. Brothers of the Circuit court will go to a sanitarium for a much needed rest. Judge Brothers two years ago suffered a collapse, brought on by his duties in connection with the hearing of default divorce cases. He expects to resume his work in two or three months. During Judge Brothers' absence Circuit Judge Francis S. Wilson will act as chief justice.

In recognition of "the valor and bravery" of Police Sergeants James Kane and Henry Kline, who shot and captured Herbert Moleny, a robber, at the Wilson avenue elevated station on Feb. 4, the two men were presented with purses of \$100 each by the business men of uptown Chicago at a meeting of the North Shore Kiwanis club. Moleny was captured after a long chase. He later leaped to death from the third floor of the South Clark street police station.

The presentation of the purses was made by J. R. S. Crowder of the Sheridan Trust and Savings bank. Patrolmen J. W. Murphy and Otto Hueber, and Motorcycle Policemen Frank Hackett and Chris Lund were given honorable mention.

Expenditures of \$23,482,733.33 by Cook county during the coming year was authorized by the county board in passing the annual budget and the good roads program sponsored by Commissioner Frank J. Wilson, chairman of the roads and bridges committee. This program, which permits the spending of more than \$6,000,000

for building and upkeep of country roads, has but two opponents, Commissioners Bemis and McKinlay.

Every county office received the same amount as last year, with the exception of the sheriff, who was granted seventy-four additional employees, highway police, by court order.

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WOMAN'S RIGHTS

According to Able Lawyers They Haven't Any in Illinois when Elective Officers are in Sight

The Legislature Neglected to Pass Necessary Laws Confining Illinois Job Holding to National Constitution

Mrs. E. W. Bemis on Tuesday assumed the first position of member of the board of commissioners of Cook county ever held by a woman.

She was elected to fill the office of commissioner, held by the late Peter Reinberg, who was also president of the board. The law gives the board

Chicago which will hold a primary this spring is Cicero.

In Oak Park the expense of a primary would be \$2,000. Willis McFeeley, unopposed candidate for president of the village board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of George W. Pyott, called candidates for other positions together. By unanimous agreement the men decided to consider the best interests of their town and waived the primary election.

The movement spread to other west side towns and it is estimated that this will save taxpayers many thousands of dollars. The candidates will be nominated by petition for the regular election in April. Elections are very tiresome things in communities peopled by self-styled native American stock. Jobholding for life saves much trouble and expense.

Every Republican judge of the Municipal court who is up for re-election this year will have the indorsement of the Regular Republican club of Cook county, the organization headed by State's Attorney Crowe. This was decided when the leaders met at the headquarters in the Briggs House to select a Municipal court slate. The indorsement given the sitting judges was agreed on as a matter of principle, it was announced, and after investigation showed that there was no general criticism of their records.

Like everybody else we were interested in Sam Blythe's national political article in the Saturday Evening Post for February 25 on "The Passing of the Bosses." Not the least interesting was the paragraph with a local allusion which we reproduce:

"The names of Conkling, Zach Chandler, Sawyer, Voorhees, Blaine, John Sherman, Tilden, Robinson, Cameron do not mean much to the present generation, but these and men like them were the founders of the boss system that came into politics after the Civil War, and as they founded the dynasty their princes imperial and heirs apparent were Quay, Platt, Hanna, Hale, Cox, Crane, Elkins, Hill, Gorman, Sullivan, and similars. Not one of these latter, save Quay, had more than a sickly heir, and most of them left no heir at all. Their boss-ships in most cases died with them. And now Penrose, robust heir to Quay, is dead, and the book is closed. The roll is called. Out in Illinois George Brennan can give account of himself and shows strength to carry on after Sullivan, but who else?"

Aldermen Toman and Kostner have an ordinance to prohibit charging of fees for the use of toilet facilities in hotels, restaurants, railroad depots and other public places.

PLANES ARE USED IN RELIEF WORK

Supplies of Food Hauled to Snow-bound Towns in Michigan—Indians Eating Their Dogs.

TRAVERSE CITY GETS FOOD

First Train Forces Its Way Through Deep Snowdrifts and Serious Situation Is Relieved—Many Counties Cut Off.

Traverse City, Mich., March 2.—Airplanes from Grand Rapids are being used here in an attempt to carry relief to the surrounding districts cut off from all communication by the huge snow drifts, and which are believed to be in danger of a serious food shortage.

At Sutton's Bay the reservation Indians are eating their dogs. Settlers

near by are subsisting on the flesh of cattle killed by the blizzard.

Traverse City faced a food shortage, but a relief train forced its way through the drifts, the first train since the storm.

Many Towns Cut Off.

In communities near by there is little chance of relief for days to come. Fears are expressed specially for communities near here reached only by small railroads. In Leelanau and Antrim counties many towns will be cut off from civilization for days.

No word has been heard from communities in either of these counties, and business men here were planning on sending relief expeditions to the larger places.

Would Have to Hike.

Such an expedition would have to hike, as it is impossible for either wagons or sleighs to push through the drifts, some of which are like boulders, so solidly are they frozen.

Last year these same districts were isolated for a month and the privation resulted in a number of deaths.

Agreements under which \$2,025,607.16 in franchise compensation for the last two years will be paid to the city by the Illinois Bell Telephone company were ratified Monday by Corporation Counsel Ettelson and officials for the telephone company.

Checks for the payments have been proffered semi-annually by the telephone company, but the city comptroller, acting on the advice of the corporation counsel refused to accept them. The money will be available for expenditure this year for city running expenses, including pay rolls and construction contracts.

It is said that Ald. Thomas O. Wallace, Brundage candidate for sanitary district trustee, will withdraw and may file a petition for the Republican nomination for county clerk. The report was that Ald. Walter P. Steffen would take Ald. Wallace's place on the Brundage drainage board ticket. The Crowe organization stood ready to indorse Wallace for sanitary district trustee and would probably go along with him for county clerk, especially in the event of a working agreement between the Crowe and Brundage forces.

Attorney-General Brundage is on record of favoring the indorsement by the anti-Thompson republicans of the winning candidates in the primary of the bar association.

The republican judges whose terms expire and will have the indorsement of the Crowe forces unless there is a switch at the eleventh hour are:

John R. Newcomer.
Hosea W. Wells.
Wells M. Cook.
John Richardson.
John F. Haas.
Howard W. Hayes.
Theodore F. Ehler.

County Treasurer Patrick J. Carr has absolutely nothing to do with the enormous increase in taxes.

Mr. Carr will have eighty-six sub-stations for the convenience of taxpayers. They will be open April 1 to May 1.

"The taxpayers will save time and add greatly to the efficiency of this office by remembering that the county treasurer has nothing to do with the increase in taxes," says Treasurer Carr in his pamphlet. "The treasurer's sworn duty is to collect all taxes and he has absolutely no authority to change an assessment or reduce or cancel any tax."

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